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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

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: Administrative Action
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JOAN M. MONACO, D.M.D.
License No.: DI018173

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: CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (the "Board") upon receipt of information that the Respondent, Joan M. Monaco, D.M.D., had engaged in the practice of dentistry in this State without holding a current license to practice and had prescribed medications without a current CDS registration after Respondent submitted falsified documentation to the Board regarding her current licensure status on April 7, 1998. Specifically, Respondent sent a request to the Board for the necessary forms to renew her license. Along with her request, Respondent submitted what was purported to be a copy of her 1995 to 1997 registration and current CDS registration. The purported documents contained several discrepancies which caused Board staff to question the validity of the documents. Review of Board

files showed that Respondent had not renewed her license after 1993 or her CDS registration after 1994. Respondent's DEA registration was permanently retired in 1996 for failure to renew.

On July 8, 1998, Respondent appeared before the Board to discuss the matter. Respondent testified that she practiced dentistry during the period of 1993 to 1998. Although Board records revealed that she had not renewed her license or registration after 1993 and 1994 respectively, Respondent continued to assert that she had renewed both. Respondent was, however, unable to locate any supporting documentation. Respondent was given the opportunity to produce any records that would support her contention. Additionally, the Board requested that Respondent produce proof of continuing education credits taken during the same time period. Despite repeated opportunities, Respondent has failed to provide any documentation to the Board to support her contention that she was licensed during the period in question, or that she had fully satisfied her continuing education requirements. Respondent has been unable to satisfactorily explain the discrepancies in the documents she submitted to the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the Board's file and the testimony of the Respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that these facts establish a basis for disciplinary action. Respondent has practiced without a license, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1 and N.J.S.A. 45:6-13. Respondent has engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception, misrepresentation or false pretense by submitting altered documents to the Board, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). In addition, Respondent has failed to provide proof of completion of all the required

continuing education credits, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:6-10.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.18. By virtue of these actions, the Respondent has engaged in professional or occupational misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and has failed to comply with the provisions of acts or regulations administered by the Board, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

It appearing the Respondent desires to resolve this matter without formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 15th DAY OF December, 2004,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:


1. Respondent's license to practice dentistry shall be and hereby is suspended for a period of six months, effective upon entry of this Order, which time shall be stayed and served as a period of probation.

2. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the amount of \$10,000. Payment of civil penalties shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to the Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101 no later than thirty (30) days from the entry of this Order. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

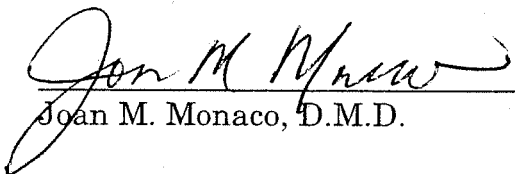
3. Respondent shall, at her own expense, take and successfully complete a Board-approved professional ethics course. Respondent shall submit to the Board an assessment and/or certificate of completion of same, prior to the conclusion of the probationary period.

4. Respondent shall provide proof of completion of forty (40) credits of continuing dental education to the Board as a condition for biennial registration in 2005, as required by N.J.S.A. 45:6-10.1 to -10.7. Respondent shall maintain proof of completion of required continuing education credits for each biennial registration period thereafter, and shall maintain said proof for each period for no less than seven (7) years following each registration.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: 
Sally-Jo Place John F. Ricciani, D.M.D.
President

I have read and understood this
Consent Order and agree to be
bound by its terms.


Joan M. Monaco, D.M.D.

Consent is hereby given as to the
form and entry of this Order.


Robert DeGroot, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent